

WELCOME



to Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area



The island consists of 2,450 acres of land managed for recreation, agriculture, and natural resource protection. Over 12 miles of trails provide a variety of recreational opportunities and a chance to discover an old growth forest and a magnificent holly tree, more than 250 years old. Paddling the 30 miles of shoreline can provide endless opportunities for wildlife viewing.



While you are enjoying Wye Island, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.



Delmarva Fox Squirrel

History of Wye Island
It is believed the name Wye was given to the island and its surrounding rivers in the 1600s by Edward Lloyd for the river of the same name in his native Wales. For over 300 years, the island was privately owned and managed for agricultural use. Two noteworthy owners were William Paca, Governor of Maryland (1782-1784) and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and a farmer and judge Charles Beale Bordley. Under his ownership, the island prospered with vineyards, orchards, textile production, a brickyard and a brewery. The State of Maryland purchased the island in 1976 to preserve it from residential development.

Allow others to discover the island's unique resources by leaving cultural artifacts and other natural objects of interest as you find them.



The 250 year old Holly Tree



Wye Island NRMA is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake. Visit www.baygateways.net to find more Bay Gateways.

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State Forest and Park Service
1-800-830-3974 - TTY users call via MD Relay

Plan your outdoor adventures or order trail guides on our website! www.dnr.maryland.gov

NRMA GUIDELINES

- Pets on a leash are welcome except at the lodge and group campsites.
- There is no day-use service charge.
- Please report any problem to a park employee or call **Park Watch** at 1-800-825-7275.
- Remember, Wye Island is **Trash-free**. Pack it in, pack it out!

Pintail Point at The River Plantation is a sports and recreational destination located on the Wye River just three miles from Wye Island, offering venues for corporate meetings and events, charter boats for cruising and fishing, hunting, and accommodations for weddings and other social events.



PINTAIL POINT
ON MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE
at The River Plantation

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HIKING • BIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
FISHING • PADDLING

RECREATION

Multi-use Trails

Along the 13 miles of trails, you will be able to get the overall picture of Wye Island, from agricultural fields to the old growth forest at Schoolhouse Woods. Unless otherwise posted trails are open to hikers, bikers and horseback riders.



 *Choose the right path by walking single file in the middle of the trails.*

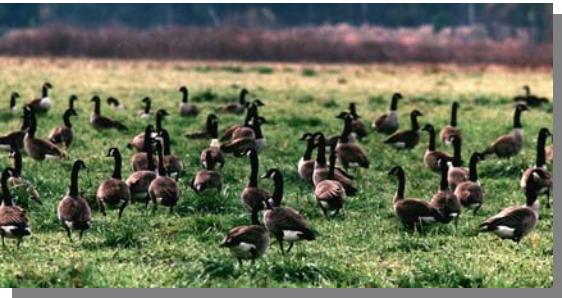
Paddling

Three soft landing sites offer opportunities for paddlers to stop and visit the island. Information regarding launch sites and permit fees for facilities nearby can be obtained by contacting:

- Queen Anne’s County Department of Parks and Recreation (410) 758-0835 - www.qac.org
- Talbot County Parks and Recreation Department (410) 770-8050 - www.talbotgov.org


Habitat restoration

Natural resource restoration plays a major role in the management of Wye Island. Along the island’s 30 miles of shoreline are ongoing projects designed to use recognized natural resource practices to reduce soil loss from tidal and storm erosion. If you wish to volunteer for a restoration project, contact the NRMA office.



Wildlife viewing

Tidal wetlands and 30 miles of shoreline provide plentiful habitat for an abundance of wildlife. Visitors can see a variety of birds and wildlife including ducks, geese, wading birds, bald eagles, the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel, white-tailed deer and many other species.

 *Keep wildlife wild by not feeding them and keeping your distance.*

Fishing

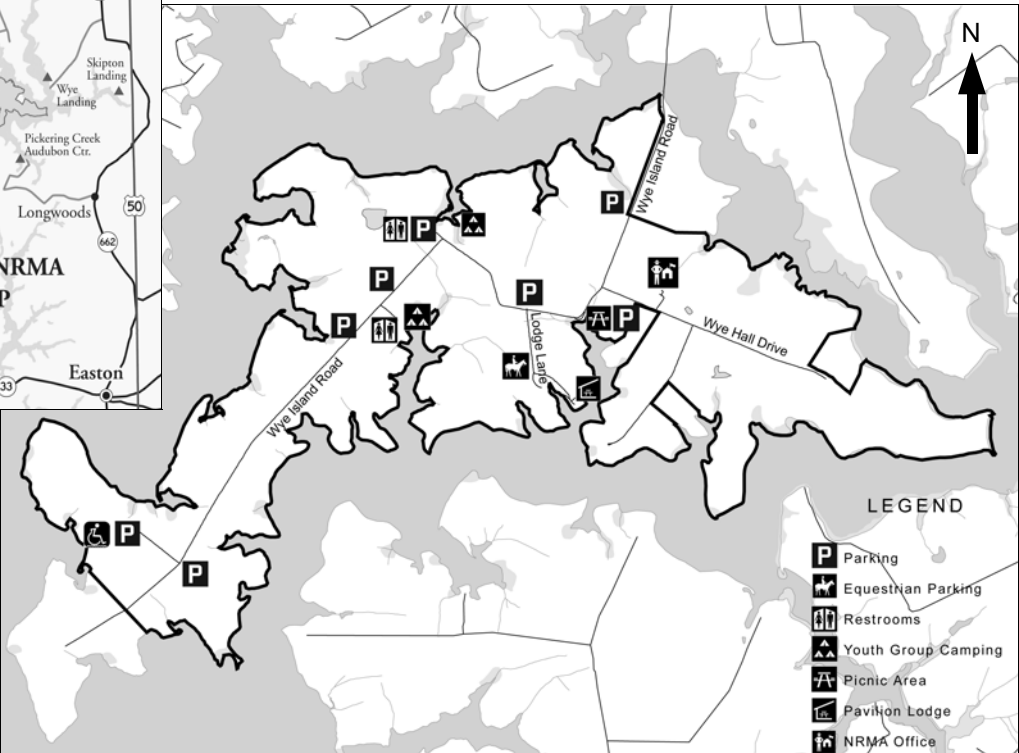
Fishing is permitted from the shoreline at Wye Island NRMA. All anglers 16 years of age and older must have a Maryland Chesapeake Bay Sportfishing License and any other applicable permits required.

Hunting

Managed bow hunts by permit only are held each year from mid-October to late November. There is limited Canada goose, fox and raccoon hunting also by permit. For more information contact the NRMA or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide

Field Trials

Every November, Wye Island hosts the National German Shorthaired Pheasant Association National Field Trial Championship. The public is encouraged to watch or participate in this event. For more information about this event contact the NRMA office.



A Wye Island trail guide, featuring a topographic map and trail descriptions, can be purchased at the NRMA office or on our website: www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures

CAMPING AND LODGE

The Duck House

A rustic lodge situated on a wooded knoll with a scenic view is available for rental with an adjacent pavilion. The lodge itself accommodates 25 to 30 people per day for an indoor meeting. Outdoors, groups of 50 to 250 people can be accommodated. Reservations can be made up to 10 months in advance by calling the NRMA at (410) 827-7577.

Youth group camping

Three primitive group sites with primitive restroom facilities (pit toilets) are available. Reservations must be made 30 days in advance by contacting the NRMA office at (410) 827-7577.

Directions

From Route 50, turn onto Carmichael Road (12.5 miles east of the Bay Bridge). Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road and cross the Wye Island Bridge. Once on the island, follow signs to the NRMA office or parking areas.



The Duck House